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## **New 'David Ball Award' will honour contributions to environmental awareness in fire protection**

- ***Annual award is sponsored by Kidde in association with the US EPA***
- ***First award to be presented at Earth Technologies Forum, March 2002***

Kidde plc, in association with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proud to announce the creation of the annual 'David Ball Award for Fire and the Environment'. The first award will be presented at the Fourth Earth Technologies Forum in Washington DC in March 2002. The Award is sponsored by Kidde in honour of David Ball, a long time employee of Kidde, the global fire prevention, detection and suppression group, who died in July 2001.

The company has issued a call for nominations for the first award with a closing date of 31 December 2001. The David Ball Award will recognise the significant contribution made by an individual, team or organisation to furthering the understanding of the impact of fire or developing improved methods of fire control that benefit or protect the environment. This can include areas such as risk reduction strategies or best practice in fighting fires or the methods used to detect and extinguish them.

David Ball was Research Manager with Kidde and was well known in the fire protection industry as a passionate advocate of environmental awareness. At the last Earth Technologies Forum (November 2000) he was one of just thirty-two individuals and organisations from around the world to receive the Environmental Protection Agency's 'Stratospheric Ozone Award'.

Peter Moore, Kidde plc's Director of Technology, says "The creation of this Award is a fitting tribute to a man who was constantly urging his colleagues to be increasingly environmentally aware while sustaining the highest level of technical capability in fire safety."

David Ball joined the predecessor of Kidde in 1976 having obtained a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University in England. His experience, over 25 years with the company, prepared him for the last big challenge of his career - the search for non-ozone depleting alternatives to halon, the industry's staple fire extinguishing agent.

The Fourth Annual Earth Technologies Forum will take place from March 25-27 2002. It is the premier global conference and exhibition on global climate change and ozone protection technologies. The event is sponsored by world-leading bodies concerned with protecting the environment.

The seven person judging panel will be chaired by a Kidde executive and include individuals associated with the EPA and leading business, professional and consultancy organisations.

The award will be a ceremonial sword that will be inscribed with the name of the winner or winning team.

Further information on the award, including the rules and nomination form can be found at [www.kidde.com/thedavidballaward.html](http://www.kidde.com/thedavidballaward.html)

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Kidde reported sales of £821m and operating profit of £99m, up 16% and 9% respectively from continuing operations or proforma.

For further information, please visit **[www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)**

Earth Technologies Forum 2002. The Fourth Annual Earth Technologies Forum, the pre-eminent conference and exhibition on global climate change and ozone protection technologies and policies, will be held March 25-27, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. One of the main features of the conference will be an exhibition of climate and ozone-friendly technologies and programs. Last year, approximately 800 participants from 30 countries attended the Forum.

The conference is sponsored by the following organisations: the International Climate Change Partnership (ICCP), and the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Agency for International Development, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Development Programme, Environment Canada, Industry Canada, Australian Greenhouse Office, Netherlands' Reduction Plan for the Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gases, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, as well as over 80 industry groups.

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